GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Chief of Defence Staff
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff as a single authoritative source of military advice to the Government; and

(b) if so, the details and the status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Creation of post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was recommended by Group of Ministers in 2001. A decision in this regard was to be taken after consultation with political parties. The consultation process however could not be completed because all political parties have not yet responded. Subsequently, Naresh Chandra Task Force (NCTF) on National Security had recommended creation of the post of Permanent Chairman Chief of Staff Committee in 2012. Both the proposals are simultaneously under consideration of the Government.

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